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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SABURI ET AL.

Examiner

Melur Ramakrishnaiah

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13,14,17,18,21,25-27 and 31-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13,14,17,18,21,25-27,32 and 33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishimo et al. (JP 401311744A, hereinafter Nishimo) in view of Irube (US PAT: 6,377,818).

Regarding claim 31, Nishimo discloses a communication method using a communication terminal having a telephone function, a data communication function, and visual telephone function, comprising: receiving incoming information from outside of the communication terminal when a call is received, displaying contents in correspondence with data type information, audibly outputting contents in correspondence with data type information, and activating an application program (this is implied as the reference teaches functioning as a simple terminal with associated application program for conducting communication as a simple terminal or functioning as composite terminal with associated application program for conducting communication as a composite terminal) in correspondence with data type information (figs. 6, 13, 15, see abstract).

Nishimo differs from claimed invention in that he does not teach mobile terminal functions for carrying out desired communications.

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However, Irube discloses communication terminal apparatus which teaches mobile terminal functions for carrying out desired communications (fig. 1, see abstract; col. 4 lines 33-36).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Nishimo's system to provide for mobile terminal functions for carrying out desired communications as this arrangement would provide mobility for user in connection with desired communications as is well known in the art.

3. Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishimo in view of Irube as applied to claim 31 above, and further in view of Sato (JP 406296277).

The combination differs from claim 34 in that it does not specifically teach the following: when a key is pressed, the application program is activated.

However, Sato discloses video telephone system which teaches the following: when a key (reads on 22) is pressed, the application program is activated (fig. 1, see abstract).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify the combination to provide for the following: when a key is pressed, the application program is activated as this arrangement would facilitate the user to effect desired communication as taught by Sato, thus providing user convenience to effect desired communication.

4. Claims 13-14, 17-18, 21, 25-27, 32-33 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 31, 34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (571)272-8098. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hr schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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